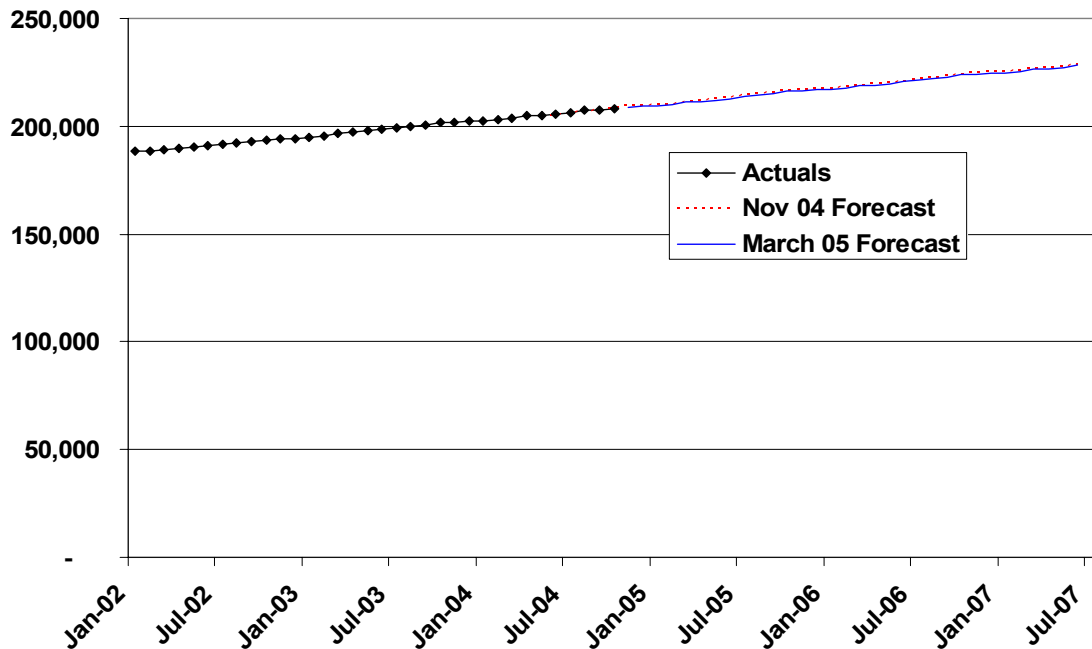


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Aged, Blind, and Disabled



Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

	Nov-04	Mar-05	Nov to Mar	%
	Forecast	Forecast	Difference	Difference
FY2005	209,740	209,517	-223	-0.1%
FY2006	217,582	217,180	-403	-0.2%
FY2007	225,199	224,849	-350	-0.2%

- The March 2005 forecast for Aged, Blind, and Disabled programs is slightly lower (0.2 percent) than the November 2004 forecast for FY2007.

Tracking the November 2004 Forecast

	Nov 2004			Percent
	Forecast	Actual	Variance	Variance
May-04	204,355	205,152	797	0.4%
Jun-04	205,155	205,859	704	0.3%
Jul-04	206,190	206,360	170	0.1%
Aug-04	207,157	207,261	104	0.0%
Sep-04	207,712	207,735	23	0.0%
Oct-04	208,709	208,254	-455	-0.2%

- Actuals are tracking, on average, within 0.1 percent of the November 2004 forecast for the past six months.
- An upward revision to the QMB-only forecast was offset by downward revisions to the MN Aged, MN Blind/Disabled, and Medicaid Buy-In forecasts.
- The CN Aged and CN Blind/Disabled caseloads are tracking well and remain unchanged from the November 2004 forecast.

Aged, Blind, and Disabled Fiscal Year Caseload Change

Fiscal Year	Caseload Change	Percent Change	
FY02-03	7,580	4.0%	Actuals
FY03-04	7,605	3.9%	
FY04-05	6,991	3.5%	Forecast
FY05-06	7,662	3.7%	
FY06-07	7,669	3.5%	

- The Aged, Blind, and Disabled caseload is expected to grow at a steady rate of around 3.5 percent per year for the 2005-07 Biennium.